

REMARKS

Claims 48-71 have been added. Claims 6, 12, and 29 have been amended. No claims have been canceled. Claims 46 and 47 were previously presented but were not entered. Hence, Claims 1-45 and 48-71 are pending in the present application.

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-45 were allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed on July 17, 2007.

Claims 46 and 47 were presented by the Applicants in an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 312 that was filed on October 17, 2007. In a communication mailed November 20, 2007, the Office disapproved of the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 312 and did not enter Claims 46 and 47. Hence, the status of Claims 46 and 47 in the present submission is “Not Entered”.

Claims 6, 12, and 29 have been amended herein to correct clerical errors.

Claims 48-71 are new.

The claim amendments made herein and the new claims do not add new matter to the present application.

New independent Claims 48 and 60 include features similar to the features of independent method Claims 1 and 24, respectively, except in the context of a computer-readable storage medium. Thus, new independent Claims 48 and 60 are allowable for the same reasons as Claims 1 and 24.

New dependent Claims 49-59 and 61-71 depend from independent Claims 48 and 60, respectively, and thus include each and every feature of the independent base claim. Further, new dependent Claims 49-59 include features similar to the features of method Claims 2-3, 6-10, 14, 16, 20, and 23, respectively, except in the context of a computer-readable storage medium. New dependent Claims 61-71 include features similar to the features of method Claims 25-26, 29-33, 37, 39, 43, and 45, respectively, except in the context of a computer-readable storage

medium. Thus, new dependent Claims 49-59 and 61-71 are allowable at least for the same reasons as their respectively corresponding method claims.

In sum, all pending claims are allowable over the art of record, and for this reason allowance of all pending claims is most earnestly solicited.

II. CONCLUSION

Entry of the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and reconsideration of the present application, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

A petition for extension of time, to the extent necessary to make this reply timely filed, is hereby made. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all applicable fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, throughout the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any applicable fees and to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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